

## ANCIENT HALL BURNS

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## CADETS HELP FIGHT FLAMES

Historic Edifice, Former Residence of Governors of Maryland, Wrecked, but "Old Liberty" Tree Is Saved—Corner Stone of Structure Laid by George Washington.

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 20.—The McDowell Hall, the main building of St. John's College, was destroyed by fire, which started supposedly from defective electric wiring, this afternoon.

The fire started in the upper part of the structure and rapidly spread to the cupola. At 2 o'clock the cupola fell and the whole interior part of the building was a seething mass of flames.

Only a small part of the furniture and apparatus was saved, and the efforts of the local firemen, aided by the whole student body of the college, the midshipmen, a detachment of marines, and citizens was turned toward preventing the spread of the fire.

The corner stone of McDowell Hall was laid by George Washington and William Paca.

## Home of Governors.

It was the former residence of the governors of Maryland, and was one of the most interesting of the historic buildings of Annapolis. It was begun in 1744 by Gov. Thomas Bladen, but the legislature of the colonies decided that he had exceeded his power in appropriating the money for the erection of the building and ordered the work stopped.

It remained partly completed until 1784, when the building and ground upon which it stood was transferred to King William School, which then became St. John's College, and the money for its completion was appropriated by the State. Since that time it had been used as the main building of the college group. In 1888 the cupola was set on fire by a bolt of lightning, but the fire was extinguished without serious damage being done.

## Tree Older Than Annapolis.

In front of the building stood the "Liberty Tree," under which, it is said, a treaty with the Indians was made.

The friends of liberty also held meetings under the tree in the days just before the Revolution. The tree is supposed to be older than Annapolis.

Several years before the civil war the old tree was supposed to be dying, but some fireworks which were stored in the hollow trunk for a Fourth of July celebration were exploded, blowing out the rotten wood. The tree thereupon began to flourish again.

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## V. P. I. Professor Dies.

Blackburg, Va., Feb. 20.—Instructor William Stuart Martin, of the department of chemistry at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, who was operated upon at the Institute infirmary, died yesterday. Mr. Martin graduated last year with honors, and was this session appointed an instructor in chemistry. His home was at Shenandoah, Va., where his father, Rev. A. R. Martin, is a retired Methodist minister. Mr. Martin was twenty-two years old. The college community is saddened by his death.

## Jailer's Wife Stops Jail Delivery.

Luray, Va., Feb. 20.—An attempted jail delivery was narrowly averted in Luray last night by Mrs. J. W. Wood, wife of Deputy Sheriff Wood, who heard unusual noises in the jail building above the singing and dancing, in which the prisoners were engaged to drown the noise made in removing mortar and bricks from the outer wall. When discovered only one layer of brick remained on the outside. Three of the prisoners not more than four hours before had received penitentiary sentences.

## Copper Found in West Virginia.

Moorefield, W. Va., Feb. 20.—The ore which was discovered by A. W. Harper at his home, near Durgon, Hardy County, was sent to T. B. Hagston, an expert assayer of Philadelphia, and he pronounced it metallic copper, with a percentage of white metal, probably silver. The discovery of the metal was made while digging a well. Mr. Harper is making arrangements to sink a shaft and examine the matter more thoroughly. The vein is six feet thick and is fifty-eight feet under the ground.

## "Ghost" Made Him Surrender.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 20.—Lewis Jenkins, the negro exhorter, who is alleged to have been concerned in the murder of Mrs. Mary E. Skiphorn and her caretaker, Walter L. Skiphorn, in Powhatan County, February 12, surrendered to the authorities to-day. He declared that he had been warned by the "spirits" to return and "clear his name." He will be held pending an investigation.

## May Be C. C. & O. Terminus.

Bristol, Tenn., Feb. 20.—A meeting of the officials of the Seaboard Air Line Railway and the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad was held at Johnson City, Tenn., this afternoon to consider the matter of extending the C. C. & O. from its present terminus, Bostic, N. C., where it connects with the S. A. L., to Charlotte. No decision was announced.

## Carolina Veteran Dead.

Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 20.—Jasper Baitman, a well-known farmer of Rowan County, died at his home near Salisbury last night following a brief illness. He was a Confederate veteran. The Rowan veterans will attend his funeral in a body.

## Anti-trust Bills Up Tuesday.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 20.—The anti-trust bills, aimed especially at the American Tobacco Company and the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, fertilizer trust, were made special orders for next Tuesday in the State senate.

## FINDS NO GRAFT.

Investigating Committee at Moundsville Condemns Contract System. Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 20.—The West Virginia legislative committee investigating the State penitentiary at Moundsville to-day made public its findings. It condemned the officials of the prison for misconduct in letting of contracts, but exonerates them on graft charges.

## ADOPTS THE ELECTRIC CHAIR.

Carolina Legislature Substitutes Electricity for Hanging. Special to The Washington Herald. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 20.—The lower house of the legislature to-night passed the bill enacted by the senate two weeks ago, which abolishes hanging as a penalty for first degree murder, criminal assault, arson, and first degree burglary, and substitutes electrocution.

A bill under consideration provides for the abolition of the death penalty in the case of the two latter crimes. Its passage is doubtful.

## MURDER MYSTERY SOLVED.

Negro, on Dying Bed, Confesses to Killing Watchman Monroe.

Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 20.—Facing death from a pistol shot wound received a week ago, while trying to rob an Amherst County farmer, a negro named Sead, who lived twenty-five miles from here, has confessed that he shot and killed Thomas R. Monroe, the Chesapeake and Ohio watchman, near Coleman's Falls, November 16.

The negro confessed to both crimes. It is said, after the physician advised him he could not live. Up to that time it was not known who had committed either of the crimes.

## MAKES COUNTER CHARGES.

Landau Alleges His Wife, a Former Washingtonian, Is Unfaithful.

Winchester, Va., Feb. 20.—Answering his wife's bill for divorce, Julius Landau, foreman of the Eddy printing plant in this city, to-day denied the allegations of infidelity and adultery.

The answer filed in the Circuit Court charges Mrs. Landau and her mother, Mrs. Julia Rosenberg, of New York City, of conspiracy to defraud Landau of his property, and alleges that Mrs. Landau, who was a former stenographer in Washington, deserted him last August.

The husband further alleges that Mrs. Landau was known in Washington as "Miss Larry," and appeared in various cities as "Rose Rosenberg" and "R. Brown." Landau's answer is accompanied by affidavits charging his wife with infidelity and improper conduct and names a Winchester man.

Letters from alleged suitors accompany the papers. The case will be heard shortly. Landau will file a cross-bill asking divorce on statutory grounds.

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The Clyde ship dragged her anchor and drifted down on the bridge, denting her nose. The Arapahoe was undamaged, and proceeded later, when the wind died down a bit.

Dr. Griggs Will Lecture.

Dr. Edgar Howard Griggs will speak Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, at All Souls' Church, on "The race, the epoch, and the individual in art." This is the second of a series of six lectures by Dr. Griggs on "Art and the human spirit."

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Arguments Begin Wednesday.

Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 20.—The arguments in the case of the local option election held here on December 5 will open in the Corporation Court on Wednesday afternoon by Judge Frank P. Christian. The attorneys have agreed as to a statement of facts pertaining to the case. There will be no evidence, and as the argument is expected to be confined to the constitutionality of the Ward law, under which the election was conducted, and as to the right of voters in the annexed portions of the city to vote before being a part of the city for twelve months.

Protects Women's Name.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 20.—A bill has passed the general assembly of this State making it a misdemeanor for any newspaper or magazine to publish the name of any maid or woman upon whom an attempt to assault has been committed. The penalty for violation of this law is fixed at \$1,000. Court publications are exempt from the provision of the bill. The measure was introduced in the senate by Senator Kelley of Lee County.

## Suicide of J. Frank Torbett.

Roanoke, Va., Feb. 20.—After brooding over the condition of his health for a long time, J. Frank Torbett, aged sixty-one years, to-day committed suicide by cutting his throat at his home at Piney Plains, Torbett, news editor of the Atlanta Georgian. His wife is a sister of Prof. Richard Lynch Garner, the money language student, who is now spending a season in a steel cage in the African jungles communing with the simians.

## Mrs. Amanda Allen Dies.

Danville, Va., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Amanda Allen, wife of James N. Allen, died at her home here to-day after an illness of several months. She was born in Danville thirty-one years ago. Besides her husband and child, she leaves two brothers, Henry and Charles, of Alexandria, and two sisters, Mrs. John Durham and Mrs. William McMillan, of Danville.

## Seeks Divorce from Mail Clerk.

Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 20.—Lucy V. McCauley has instituted proceedings in court here for divorce from her husband, Edgar S. McCauley, railway mail clerk, whose run is on the Western Maryland Railroad between Baltimore and Elkins, W. Va. McCauley lives at West Arlington, Md. Mrs. McCauley and children reside in Hagerstown.

## Socialists Nominates Ticket.

Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 20.—Socialists of Hagerstown have made the following councilmanic nominations for annual municipal election next month, these nominees being the first in the field: Ward No. 1, Harvey H. Cooper; Ward 2, William H. Wagner; Ward 3, Frederick C. Wilkes. The resolutions adopted call for a new charter for Hagerstown.

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